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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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another side. Such the recited feature is illustrated in Figs. 6A to 6D and described on page 37, lines 6 to 17 in the specification.


Claim 21 recites the two selected basic compression or expansion characteristics are cascaded to define the input/output relationship on both the upper level side and the lower level side of the predetermined level for the input value of the image data. Such the recited feature is described on page 37, line 18 to page 38, line 1 in the specification.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue at the earliest possible time.

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